

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner in this case for the telephonic conferences to assist Applicant's representative in preparing this response.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 1-32 are objected to for the reasons stated on page 3 of the Office Action. Claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In response Applicant has amended the drawings to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims and to remove redundant information. Replacement Sheets 1-7 are submitted herewith to replace the originally filed drawings of Figures 1-6. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-32 have been objected to because of the informalities listed on page 3 of the Office Action. In response Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the objections listed in the Office Action. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments and entry of these amendments is hereby requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response Applicant has amended the claims to render the

rejections moot. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-18 and 30-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for the reasons stated on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. In response Applicant has amended the claims to obviate the rejections. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for finding that claims 1-18 and 20-31 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response Applicant has amended the claim set following instructions received from the Examiner during a telephonic conference.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-32 are now pending in the above-identified United States Patent Application. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and an indication of such is earnestly requested. If there are any issues that can be addressed by telephone with the Applicant's representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

If an extension of time is required to extend the time for filing a reply in the above-identified application, such extension is hereby requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including extension of time fees to reply to the outstanding Office Action, to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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